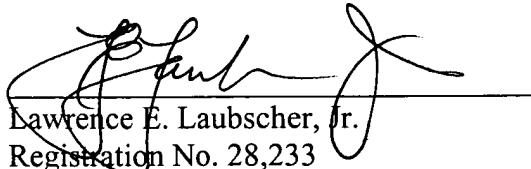


REMARKS

Minor grammatical and typographical errors were noted in the Examiner's Amendment to claim 24 consented to on September 29, 2003. As the corrections are purely grammatical and typographical in nature, entry is respectfully requested.

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